

**NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING ON
APPLICATION OF DOMINION ENERGY SOUTH CAROLINA, INCORPORATED FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF SOLAR CHOICE METERING TARIFF (ACCORDING TO DOMINION ENERGY SOUTH CAROLINA, INC., THIS FILING INVOLVES A REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW ROOFTOP SOLAR RATE DESIGNED TO REDUCE COSTS IMPOSED UPON ALL CUSTOMERS WHO DO NOT UTILIZE ROOFTOP SOLAR, WHILE ALLOWING ROOFTOP SOLAR CUSTOMERS TO SELF-SUPPLY POWER WITHOUT PENALTY.) (S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-40-20)**

DOCKET NO. 2020-229-E

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Public Service Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-817 and Commission Order No. 2021-26, has scheduled a virtual public hearing in response to the above referenced Docket No. 2020-229-E. The virtual public hearing is scheduled for **9 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. on TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021.**

Persons who wish to testify before the Public Service Commission regarding the Application may do so at this hearing.

PLEASE BE ADVISED:

- THIS IS A HEARING FOR CUSTOMERS OF DOMINION ENERGY SOUTH CAROLINA, INC. TO PROVIDE TESTIMONY RELATED TO THE PROPOSED SOLAR CHOICE METERING TARIFF
- PUBLIC WITNESSES MUST BE SWORN-IN BEFORE PRESENTING THEIR TESTIMONY
- CODE OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT, RULE 501, CANON 3 PROHIBITS COMMISSIONERS FROM MAKING ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON A PROCEEDING THAT IS PENDING OR IMPENDING (MATTER COULD BE FILED WITH THE COMMISSION IN THE FUTURE); THEREFORE, COMMISSIONERS CANNOT ANSWER QUESTIONS DURING THE HEARING
- TO PERMIT ALL INTERESTED WITNESSES THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD, EACH WITNESS' TESTIMONY IS LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES FOR ORAL TESTIMONY/PRESENTATIONS
- ALL TESTIMONY WILL BE GIVEN UNDER OATH AND ENTERED INTO THE RECORD OF THE CASE SUBJECT TO OBJECTION BY THE PARTIES.
- PLEASE NOTE THE COMMISSIONERS WILL BE PRESENT TO LISTEN TO YOUR TESTIMONY AND STATEMENTS REGARDING THIS APPLICATION.

IF YOU WISH TO **TESTIFY** AT THE VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING, YOU MUST DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. ON OR BEFORE MONDAY, **MARCH 22, 2021, NO LATER THAN 4:45 P.M.**, ANY PERSON DESIRING TO TESTIFY AS A PUBLIC WITNESS SHALL PROVIDE THE COMMISSION (A) YOUR NAME, (B) THE TELEPHONE NUMBER THAT YOU WISH THE COMMISSION TO CALL DURING THE HEARING TO RECEIVE YOUR TESTIMONY, AND (C) YOUR PHYSICAL ADDRESS. THIS INFORMATION MAY BE PROVIDED IN TWO WAYS: BY E-MAILING COMMUNICATIONS@PSC.SC.GOV OR BY CALLING **803-896-5133**.
2. ALSO, BE ADVISED THAT YOU WILL BE CALLED IN THE ORDER YOU SIGNED UP TO SPEAK. PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE COMMISSION MAY CALL YOU AT ANYTIME AFTER THE BEGINNING OF THE HEARING. **THE COMMISSION WILL ONLY ATTEMPT TO REACH YOU THREE (3) TIMES.**

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED BY DOMINION ENERGY SOUTH CAROLINA, INC. AND DOES NOT REPRESENT THE VIEWS OR FINDINGS OF THE COMMISSION.

A summary or explanation of the Solar Choice Metering Tariff proposed by DESC to include the rates and charges proposed (Subscription fee and any minimum charges):

Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. ("DESC") requests Commission approval for a new rooftop solar rate designed to reduce costs imposed upon all customers who do not utilize rooftop solar, while allowing rooftop

solar customers to self-supply power without penalty according to DESC. DESC proposes Solar Choice Tariffs that will be available to Residential and Small General Service Customers applying for new service after May 31, 2021. According to DESC, these tariffs are designed to better align the cost to serve rooftop solar customers and non-rooftop solar customers. Rooftop solar customers will take service subject to a monthly Basic Facilities Charge (\$19.50 for Residential, \$32.50 for Small General Service) and a monthly Subscription Fee (\$5.40 per kW-AC for Residential with a minimum Subscription Fee of \$16.20; \$6.50 per kW-AC for Small General Service with a minimum Subscription Fee of \$48.75). For power delivered from DESC to the customer, customers will pay rates based upon seasonal on-peak and off-peak pricing, as set forth below:

- i. Residential
 - 1. Summer
 - a. On-peak: \$0.16749/kWh
 - b. Off-peak: \$0.06735/kWh
 - 2. Winter
 - a. On-peak: \$0.18417/kWh
 - b. Off-peak: \$0.06735/kWh
- ii. Small General Service
 - 1. Summer
 - a. On-peak: \$0.17030/kWh
 - b. Off-peak: \$0.06874/kWh
 - 2. Winter
 - a. On-peak: \$0.18764/kWh
 - b. Off-peak: \$0.06874/kWh

Additionally, rooftop solar customers will continue to consume self-generated power without penalty and will be compensated for excess energy delivered to DESC at time-based solar generation rates. The initial rates were developed in accordance with approved avoided costs under Order No. 2020-244. These rates, which will be updated annually, are set forth below:

- i. Residential
 - 1. Summer
 - a. On-peak: \$0.03651/kWh
 - b. Off-peak: \$0.03622/kWh
 - 2. Winter
 - a. On-peak: \$0.03796/kWh
 - b. Off-peak: \$0.03622/kWh
- ii. Small General Service
 - 1. Summer
 - a. On-peak: \$0.03651/kWh
 - b. Off-peak: \$0.03622/kWh
 - 2. Winter
 - a. On-peak: \$0.03796/kWh
 - b. Off-peak: \$0.03622/kWh

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According to DESC, this proposal impacts existing net metering customers and non-participating customer as follows:

- a. The proposed tariffs are intended to eliminate, to the greatest extent practicable, any subsidy currently paid by non-rooftop solar customers to subsidize rooftop solar, while still encouraging the adoption of rooftop solar by allowing rooftop solar customers to consume the power they produce without penalty and allowing those customers to export excess solar generation to DESC.
- b. Existing net energy metering customers have the option to take service under the proposed tariffs after May 31, 2021, but all net energy metering customers who wish to continue taking service under a net energy metering tariff must do so under the Solar Choice Tariffs upon expiration of their

current net energy metering tariff. Customers taking service under DESC's Rider to Retail Rates – Second NEM for Renewable Energy Facilities have the option to remain on their existing tariff until December 31, 2025. Customers taking service under DESC's Rider to Retail Rates – Third NEM for Renewable Energy Facilities can remain on their existing tariff until May 31, 2029 (Note: This program will stop accepting new participants on May 31, 2021).

If the Application or Petition in this case contains a request for adjustment of rates, the rates are subject to potential modification by the Commission during the course of this case.

Persons seeking further information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at **(803) 896-5100** or visit its website at www.psc.sc.gov.

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